

# ROUGH

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Just to wet your  
appetites still  
further we present  
exclusive pictures  
taken in Japan of  
the launch of  
Tamiya's new  
'Porsche 959' kit

**S**ince our exclusive preview of Tamiya's exciting 'Porsche 959' kit last month we have managed to uncover more details on the car including these photos from its official launch in Japan at the Futaba test track in Tokyo. It should be stressed that there will be changes made to the UK version of the kit mainly to eliminate cigarette advertising from the bodyshell.

One thing we weren't aware of last month is that this kit has been produced to 1/12th scale which removes it one step further from conventional 1/10th scale Off-Road machines.

The reason for the lower scale is that Tamiya are looking to establish a totally new racing concept and class of racing.

The choice of the 'Porsche 959' is ideal for this. Not only is it one of the most sophisticated road cars in the world but is also an extremely tough rally car.

The '959' demonstrated its technology in the most exacting manner by winning the gruelling 1986 Paris/Dakar rally.

This on and Off-Road capacity is mirrored in Tamiya's model which can be driven on a wide variety of surfaces.

Just like its full-size counterpart Tamiya's '959' features full-time four-wheel drive using shaft drive technology tried and tested in their other 4WD machines; 'Hotshot,' 'Supershot,' 'Boomerang' and 'Bigwig.'

The 'RX-540Z Technigold' motor has the job of providing scale performance akin to Porsche's 450 bhp turbocharged flat six-cylinder engine. Both powerplants are mounted amidships. The kit contains ten ballraces to minimise frictional losses in the drive terrain.

The chassis and suspension components are all totally new. The chassis is a full monocoque for maximum rigidity whilst the rear suspension geometry can be altered by adjusting the upper arms. This allows the car to be fine tuned for on or Off-Road racing.

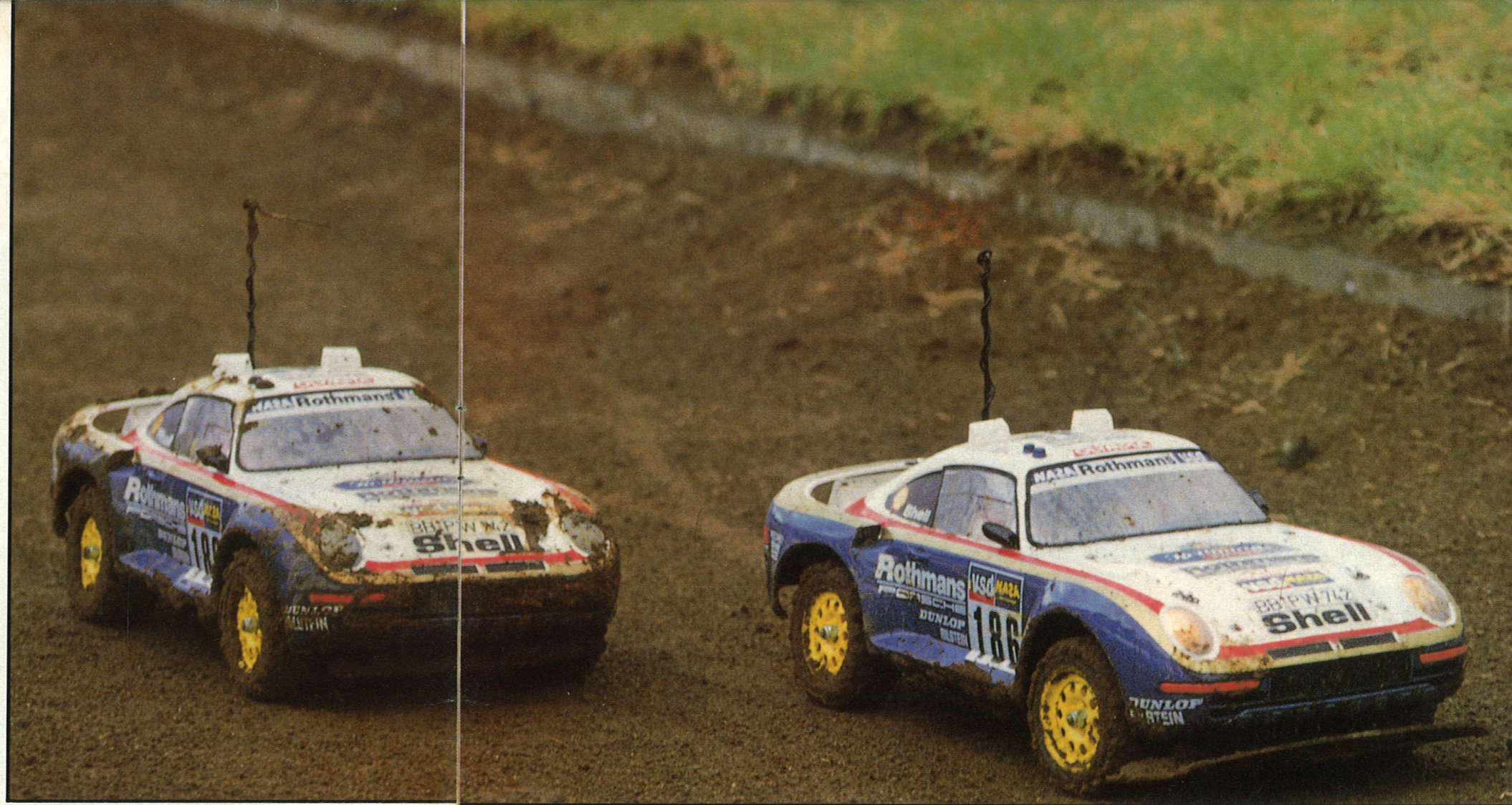
The four independent dampers are equipped with volume compensating reservoirs for smooth operation.

For scale appearance the '959' cannot be beaten with its superbly detailed bodyshell (blow moulded for finer detail); even the headlights are operable.

Two types of tyre are available depending on the racing conditions. Low profile, semi-pneumatic rubber tyres with rally type tread pattern are included in the kit but optional slick pattern tyres are available.

### Free competition

Finally if you want to get closer to Tamiya's newest racer than flip to page 47 for our free competition to win a 'Porsche 959.'



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